



The East London Caledonian Society

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OCTOBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

Dear Fellow Caledonians,

It is hard to believe that the year is almost wrapped up..but we have a lot to still pack into this short space of time!

Some members spent the Heritage Day long weekend in Grahamstown at the St Andrews Highland Gathering. It was certainly a very enjoyable weekend (although someone should remind me to pack sunblock for next year!). Unfortunately some scheduled maintenance has got in the way of the train trip planned for October – we are looking into the possibility of postponing this to November. The October event will be replaced by another Putt Putt outing – wear a touch of tartan and enjoy a beverage and snack afterwards.

As per the goals I laid out in the previous newsletter, our annual outing for Halloween at McClelland will be held on 3 November – support from all our members is needed in order to make this a successful event. The efforts are really appreciated by the residents, and lots of fun is to be had around the braai after we have finished the entertainment portion of the programme.

We have noted that some birthdays are still being incorrectly reported. In some cases, birth dates have not been recorded on membership forms and unfortunately we can only report on those birthdays we have on record. Please notify us of any errors or omissions.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

The Middleton twins have received their honours blazers at Clarendon High School; while (*more painfully*) Britney Middleton has broken a finger. Claude Macdonell is currently in the Congo for a surprise birthday party celebrating her sister's 60th birthday. Jim Gibson has just started working in Armenia on a water project as a Consulting Engineer. He will be overseas for about five months over the next year. Finally Fran Plint is currently in Australia on an eight week holiday.

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday 20 Oct 2018

Putt-putt Golf Outing at the Beacon Bay Crossing. 15:00.

No charge - but members to pay for themselves (approx. R25 for a round).

Wear a touch of tartan – prizes for enthusiasm, creativity and the winning round.



*East London Highland Dancers
in Grahamstown for their exams*

PIPE BAND

The Band paraded at the Battle of Britain Service at East Bank Cemetery on 9 September.

Upcoming Parades: Komga Show on 6 October, Frontier War Re-enactment at Fort Pato on 13 October and two parades on Remembrance Sunday on 11 November (06.00 "The Battles O'er" and 10.30 Remembrance Service).

LADIES GROUP

The ladies had an enjoyable morning on 4 September at Dot Com Café. Next meeting will be on Tuesday 2 October at 9.30am at the home of Agnes Cowie, J2 Fairlands.

S.C.D.C

Weekly meetings continue at the Hams Club from 4pm - 5.30pm on Tuesdays. A team of 5 will be dancing at the Grahamstown Gathering. They have been learning dances specially choreographed for the Grahamstown Club's 40th birthday.

HIGHLAND DANCERS

All three of the East London Dancing Studio's schools have now completed their exams and all did very well. All three schools competed at the Grahamstown Gathering. East London Highland Dancing Festival has been postponed to 27 October.

CONGRESS

The next Congress will be from 5-7 October 2018 in Durban. East London has started planning for the 2020 Congress.

BIRTHDAYS

September 2018			October 2018		
Date	Name:	Contact:	Date	Name:	Contact:
6	Riona MacKenzie	072 432 3174	7	Cynthia Murray	elliott@murrays.co.za
21	Rose Anley	randr@hyperlink.co.za	7	Jim Gibson	083 443 3680
22	Agnes Cowie	043 726 7877	8	Robert Rankin	082 897 8571
23	Sheila Godfrey	082 510 3863	14	Evelyn Stoddard	072 248 5510
30	Freddie MacFarlane	083 351 2696			

Apologies to Agnes – the last newsletter forgot your birthday!

COMMITTEE

Next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday 18 October 2018 (*note later in month than normal to incorporate Congress feedback*) at the home of Nookie Middleton, C5 Parklands, Berea at 7.30pm.

As usual, meeting will be preceded by a meeting to plan the 2020 Gathering / Congress at **7pm**.

Yours aye,



Roxanne Piderit (Chief)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	START	NOTES
20 Oct 2018	Putt Putt	Beacon Bay Crossing	15:00	Approx R25 pp
3 Nov 2018	Halloween	McClelland	TBC	R20 pp
1 Dec 2018	St Andrews Dinner	Beacon Bay C Club	TBC	R100 for members (R130 for non members)
2 Dec 2018	St Andrews Service	Cambridge Methodist	8.00	
26 Jan 2019	Burns Nicht	TBC	TBC	